



## WAHIAWA NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 26

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### REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, AUGUST 21, 2006  
WAHIAWA RECREATION CENTER

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Ben Acohido called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. A quorum was present.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Ben Acohido, Sheri Bentley, Burt Iwata, Silvia Koch, Mary Jane Lee, Kathy Masunaga, Jyun Yamamoto, Jeanne Ishikawa (appointed at this meeting).

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Robert Kent.

**GUESTS:** Eugene Lee (Mayor's Representative), Brandon Mitsuda (Councilmember Donovan Dela Cruz's office), Darell Villamo (Congressman Ed Case's office), Lawrence Lau (Governor's Representative), Representative Marcus Oshiro, Patty Dukes (EMS), Capt. Ed Nishi, Lt. Letha DeCaires and Lt. Charles Wong (HPD), Duke Chung (BWS), Lt. Commander Alan Dunston and CW Clifton Jenkins (NCTAMS PAC), Jack Kampfer (WCBA), Rev. Jack D. Smith (WCBA/Church of Nazarene), Choon James and Tim Vandever (Defend O'ahu Coalition), Kate Butts, Gail Dukes, Ellen Hyer, George Hooper, Fred and Florence Katakura, Daniel Monroy, Daniel Neyer, Kenneth Tamura, Steve J. Rodrigues (Neighborhood Commission Office Staff).

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS 2006-2007 (1 Year Term):** Lee nominated Ben Acohido to serve as Chair for 2006-2007 and Yamamoto seconded the nomination. Lee moved and Yamamoto seconded to close the nominations. Acohido was unanimously elected Chair.

**Other Officers – Chair Acohido moved and Lee seconded to reelect the same slate of officers** (i.e. Vice Chair – Jyun Yamamoto; Secretary – Silvia Koch; Treasurer: Burt Iwata). **The motion carried unanimously.**

**FILLING OF VACANCY:** Chair Acohido asked if there are any residents willing to fill the vacancy on the Board (the vacancy was a result of the resignation of Irwin Yamamoto, who moved to Kapolei). Jeanne Ishikawa introduced herself. **Yamamoto moved and Koch seconded to appoint Jeanne Ishikawa to the Wahiawa Neighborhood Board. The motion carried unanimously.** Neighborhood Assistant Steve J. Rodrigues, administered the Oath-of-Office to Ishikawa. (A round of applause was given at this time).

**APPROVAL OF THE JULY 17 MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD AND MAY 15 2006 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES:** The Board approved the July 17, 2006 Memorandum for the Record and May 15, 2006 Regular Meeting Minutes.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Iwata read the Financial Statement for the month of July. The Operating Account expenses were \$31.14, leaving a balance of \$1,488.86. The Publicity Account did not incur any expenses, leaving the balance at \$2,110.00. The Refreshment Account did not incur any expenses, leaving the balance at \$120.00. The report was accepted subject to audit.

Chair Acohido indicated he would purchase a Neighborhood Board banner for just under \$100.00

### FIRST RESPONDERS – Reports and Concerns:

**Honolulu Fire Department (HFD)** – No report or representative was available.

**Honolulu Police Department (HPD)** – Lt. Charles Wong reported for the month of July, there were 5 burglaries, 16 thefts from vehicles, and 27 thefts.

(Masunaga arrived at 7:16 p.m.)

Lt. Letha DeCaires of HPD Communications Division, stated HPD will be testing the Enhanced 911 System in October (this system will provide the cellular phone caller's name and location). If anyone has older models of



cellular phones, they may want to change over to the newer models (the older models only provides the callers name). Approximately 73% of all 9-1-1 calls received are for police service, about 2,000 a day.

Concerns and comments followed:

- 1) Lt. DeCaires stated the cost of this system will be included in your cellular bill.
- 2) Masunaga had concerns about the Enhanced 911 System. Lt. DeCaires reassured Masunaga that the system would not be used for any other needs (i.e. investigation unit).
- 3) In response to Chair Acohido, Lt. DeCaires indicated if your phone disconnects while on line with police, an officer will respond immediately. A drop call is considered high priority.
- 4) Lee inquired about the proposed 3-1-1 system. Lt. DeCaires said when the bill comes before the Legislature again she will come back to the Board for support.

**Emergency Medical Service (EMS)** – Patty Dukes reported: 1) A new EMS high-tech dispatch center is being built. Reports will be computerized instead of hand written. More details will be provided through the media. 2) EMS may not respond to your home with light and sirens on because of safety and noise pollution concerns. Lights and sirens really does not safe that much time.

Concerns and comments followed:

- 1) In response to Lee, Dukes stated EMS uses the same type of ambulance vehicles since 1984. Other agencies on the mainland use vans.
- 2) Dukes said it's not that Wahiawa General Hospital turn them away, but they are re-routed (i.e. because there isn't enough space available or adequate staff on duty).

**U.S. Army – Schofield Barracks** – No report or representative was available.

Chair Acohido mentioned he has accepted an invitation from the Army for Board members to tour their facilities in month of September.

**U.S. Navy – NCTAMS PAC** – Lt. Commander Alan Dunston reported: 1) Capt. Jim Donovan sends his regrets. 2) NCTAMS PAC would like to express sincere appreciation to Ellen Hyer for her efforts in providing the detailed historical background data for the Naval Communications Station, Wahiawa. He presented her with a small token of appreciation. 3) NCTAMS PAC extends an invitation to the Neighborhood Board to visit their facility in late October. The visit would include an overview of the command mission, services provided and upcoming construction projects. 4) Commander Joe Spegele is transferring to Millington, Tennessee. His replacement is Commander Robert Goodwin, who will be attending the next Board meeting.

## **RESIDENTS' CONCERNS:**

**Quality of Life Issues** – Resident George Hooper said area residents are concerned regarding the noise and repairing of vehicles at 6 Iholho Place. He came before the Board in 2002. Noise concerns include mopeds, motorized skateboards, ATV's, and motorbikes. Also, different vehicles are being worked on the property everyday.

Concerns and comments followed:

- 1) Masunaga suggested contacting the Hawai'i State Tax Department since they are probably not paying any taxes.
- 2) Chair Acohido referred Hooper to the Mayor's representative to follow-up with the Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP).
- 3) Representative Oshiro said he would follow-up.

**Road Improvements** – A resident asked when is California Avenue going to be repaved. Chair Acohido referred this item to Duke Chung of BWS. Chung said if BWS digs up the road, they are responsible to restore the road to its original condition. Regarding California Avenue, the contractor is responsible to restore the road to equal or better condition (it's in the contract).

**Sidewalks** – Resident Dan Monroy said sidewalks are needed on California Avenue. Eugene Lee, Mayor's representative, stated sidewalks come under the Department of Facility Maintenance (DFM) and they need to be budgeted. He will speak to Monroy after the meeting.

**Neighborhood Commission Audit** – Board member Lee had concerns about an article in the daily newspaper regarding the audit of the Neighborhood Commission. The findings of the audit were negative and there was nothing positive. Chair Acohido mentioned Joan Manke, Executive Secretary of the Neighborhood Commission Office, sent a letter regarding the audit. To view the audit, visit [www.honolulu.gov](http://www.honolulu.gov). Eugene Lee stated, in general, audits are negative in nature.

#### **PRESENTATIONS:**

**Defend O'ahu Coalition**- Choon James stated the proposed expansion of Turtle Bay Resort of five hotels with 3,500 rooms, condos, etc. is a statewide issue. The North Shore, Ko'olauloa, and Kahalu'u Neighborhood Boards feel that a supplementary Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is imperative since the original is now 20 years old. Thus far, the Mayor has been silent on this issue. Defend O'ahu Coalition respectfully request the Board's consideration to urge the Mayor, City and County of Honolulu to listen to the voice of the people – to require a submittal of a supplemental EIS, as a 20 year-old study is antiquated and irrelevant. For the public's good; it must be updated.

There was lengthy discussion on this issue. During the discussion, Chair Acohido called for a recess at 8:40 p.m. Orders resumed at 8:46 p.m. After the discussion was completed, **Bentley moved and Koch seconded that the Wahiawa Neighborhood Board No. 26 support sending a letter to the Mayor and the City Council to require a supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed expansion of Turtle Bay Resort since the EIS is 20 years old. The motion passed, 5-0-3.**

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Chair Acohido circulated the Board's correspondence. One correspondence of note is the City's "Discover Recycling Fair" on September 21-23, 2006, Neal Blaisdell Arena. For more information, call the City's Recycling Office at 692-5410.

#### **GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND COMMUNITY GROUP REPRESENTATIVES:**

**Wahiawa Community Business Association (WCBA)** – Jack Kampfer reported: 1) Art Fest will be held on September 17, 2006, Civic Center, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. 2) Wahiawa Community Strengthening Planning Group will hold its first meeting on September 21, 2006, Leilehua High School Cafeteria, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. 3) A speaker from the mainland will be discussing "Bridges out of Poverty" on October 14, 2006, Wahiawa Middle School Library, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Neighborhood Board is invited. 4) WCBA is trying to organize a community-wide make-a-difference day to be held on October 28, 2006. Lunch will be provided by First Baptist Church. It's part of the national Make-A-Difference Day.

**Mayor's Representative** – Eugene Lee reported: 1) Follow-up items: a) Department of Transportation Services (DTS) met with Senator Bunda on July 28, 2006, and informed him that they will take traffic counts in September on Royal Palm Drive after the University of Hawai'i and private schools are in session. DTS will then analyze the data and brief Senator Bunda and the Wahiawa Neighborhood Board of the results; b) Corporation Counsel has advised the Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) that any discussion on Councilmember Tam's resolution regarding modified sidewalk standards for residential and rural areas be held in executive session; c) The Wahiawa Yard crew went out this morning to the drainage inlet at the intersection of Iliwai Drive and California Avenue and they were able to bend back the bars and tack welded the grating back together today. 2) The City's "Discover Recycling Fair" will be held September 21-23, 2006, Neal Blaisdell Arena. 3) The Neighborhood Assistant distributed "Honolulu News", the Mayor's monthly newsletter.

Concerns and comments followed:

- 1) Board member Lee had concerns that a business (Lone Star) on Walker Avenue and Avocado Street is parking their vehicles half on the sidewalk and the other half on the street, which forces pedestrians to walk on the street. Chair Acohido added that the owner doesn't maintain the grass on his property. Eugene Lee will follow-up.
- 2) A concern was raised regarding street trees at the intersection of Center Street and Lehua Avenue. The trees are overgrown and affecting sight lines and forcing out pedestrians into the street.

**Councilmember Donovan Dela Cruz** – Brandon Mitsuda circulated Council Chair Dela Cruz's monthly report and highlighted the following: 1) Council Chair Dela Cruz sends his regrets. 2) He distributed copies of Wikiwiki Voter Registration forms; Wikiwiki Absentee Application forms; 2006 City Council Calendar; and Real Property Tax Credit for Homeowners application form. 3) The construction of the improvements to the Wahiawa Municipal Parking Lot is substantially complete and will open in early August. 4) He reported on RISR's (Request for Investigation and Service Report) for Wahiawa and Whitmore. 5) A meeting will be held tomorrow with DTS, Senator Bunda, Chair Acohido and residents of Royal Palm Drive.

Concerns and comments followed:

- 1) Mitsuda stated the meeting regarding Royal Palm Drive is open to everyone.
- 2) Kate Butts, a resident of Royal Palm Drive, had concerns about traffic and speeding on her street. Ishikawa also had concerns about the area.
- 3) Yamamoto inquired about funding HPD with a decibel meter so that they could enforce the noise regulations at problem spots. Mitsuda will follow-up.

**Governor's Representative** – Lawrence Lau circulated the "Governor's Update" and follow-up concerns report and highlighted the following: 1) Follow-up items: a) The State Department of Transportation (DOT) conducted a site survey on Kamehameha Highway into Avocado Street and indicated the "No Left Turn" sign was not obscured; b) There is no question that some of the miscellaneous State buildings on the Wahiawa Civic Center grounds are old and run down. Repair/refurbishment would be by need, and urgency would be applied mostly if health and safety were issues; c) Sandy Miyoshi, homeless programs administrator for HPHA, would be open to the Neighborhood Board suggestions as to potential sites where shelter/services could be co-located for the homeless. 2) He gave a copy of the Army Corps of Engineers report on the Ku Tree Reservoir to Chair Acohido. 3) He left a few copies of the Lt. Governor's "Hawaii Drug Control Plan Report" with the Board.

Concerns and comments followed:

- 1) Masunaga reiterated her concern from last month regarding an illegal structure erected by a homeless individual on Center Street. It needs to be cleaned-up.
- 2) Yamamoto asked for the contact number for Miyoshi. Lau will follow-up.

**Congressman Ed Case** – Darrell Villamo circulated Congressman Case's monthly newsletter and highlighted the following: 1) Congressman Case completed his Talk Story community meetings. 2) Appropriations on the federal level for Fiscal Year 2007 is from August 1 through September 20, 2006. In Fiscal Year 2006, there were appropriations for sidewalks for schools. 3) Grants are available at [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov).

Yamamoto inquired if there is any funding so that the Ku Tree Reservoir project can proceed. Villamo will follow-up.

**Senator Robert Bunda** – No report or representative was available.

**Representative Marcus Oshiro** – Representative Oshiro reported: 1) He gave a copy of the Ku Tree Reservoir report to Congressman Case's representative. 2) There was a good turnout for his disaster planning meeting held on July 26, 2006. A follow-up meeting with the American Red Cross will be held on September 16, Leilehua High

School Library, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. 3) Kukaniloku Birthing Stones – they are seeking buyers for the entire 2,200-acre site. He's working with the State Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) and other agencies to push back access.

Masunaga said she thought the State was going to condemn the property (Kukaniloku Birthing Stones). Representative Oshiro said the State was supposed to condemn the property, but the deal fell through. It was a missed opportunity. The land is probably going to be sold before the Legislature convene in January 2007.

**Board of Water Supply (BWS)** – Duke Chung reported: 1) There was one main break for the month of July in the Wahiawa/Whitmore area. 2) He will follow-up on BWS' concerns.

Board member Lee had concerns about the dependability of the water pipe at Hauola Avenue and Manua Street. The pipes are always breaking. Chung stated there are concerns regarding older systems.

**Wahiawa Action Initiative (WAI)** – Iwata had no report.

**Wahiawa Satellite City Hall** – No report or representative was available.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Status of Ku Tree Reservoir Project – Army Corps of Engineers Report** – Deferred.

**Re-Designation to “Wahiawa-Whitmore Neighborhood Board No. 26”** – Deferred.

**Refreshment Expenses for April 27, 2006 Aloha Event for 25th Infantry** – Deferred.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Installation of 60-Foot Wireless Antenna** – No representative was available.

**ADJOURNMENT:** By a consensus of the Board, the meeting adjourned at 9:43 p.m.

Submitted:

Steve J. Rodrigues,  
Neighborhood Assistant